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TO FROM KELLY JOHNSON

WILL NOT HAVE AIRCRAFT 352 ON 28 MARCH FOR INITIATION OF POLE TESTS. IN ORDER TO BE SURE WE START WORK FOR IRAN AND UPDATING THIS AIRCRAFT PRIOR TO END OF JUNE 1962, AS PREVIOUSLY AGREED, WE MUST HAVE AIRCRAFT IN BURBANK NO LATER THAN 6 APRIL. WE WOULD THEN PLAN TO SEND AIRCRAFT REMOVE ENGINE AND INSTALL ROTATING MECHANISM FOR POLE TESTS. EXPECT TO COMPLETE THESE TESTS BY 26 APRIL AND THEN REINSTALL ENGINE AND FLY TO BURBANK FOR IRAN. AFTER IRAN, WHICH TAKES APPROXIMATELY TWO MONTHS, WOULD INTEND TO FLY RACETRACK PATTERN.

ON AIRCRAFT 355, CONSIDERABLE DIFFICULTIES BEING ENCOUNTERED FLIGHT TESTING INS UNIT. IT IS ALSO REQUIRED THAT THIS AIRCRAFT BE STARTED ON MODIFICATION TO J75 TYPE BY END OF JUNE, AS PER YOUR FISCAL REQUIREMENTS UNDER SP1925. I DO NOT KNOW WHETHER IT IS FEASIBLE AT THIS TIME TO REMOVE AIRCRAFT 355 FROM INS TESTING FOR THE 90-DAY PERIOD REQUIRED TO INSTALL THE J75

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REQUEST YOUR DIRECTION ON ABOVE MATTERS, PARTICULARLY
AVAILABILITY OF AIRCRAFT 352 AND YOUR CHOICE OF WHICH DIRECTION
WE SHOULD GO ON 355.

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